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AND STANDARDS

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1. SUBSIDIES AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES: ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL A, WE SPOKE AGAIN WITH MEYNELL. MEYNELL APOLOGIZED FOR THE CONFUSION OVER DATES AND WAS SORRY TO LEARN THAT MARCH 24 AND 25 WERE DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES (REF B). MEYNELL SAID THAT GALLAGHER COULD GO TO WASHINGTON ON ANY DAY IN THE WEEK OF MARCH 22. GALLAGHER'S PREFERENCE WAS FOR A SINGLE DAY'S CONSULTATION, BUT IF THE US WISHES, HE WILL EXTEND IT TO TWO DAYS. MEYNELL WOULD IN ANY CASE BE PREPARED FOR TWO DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS. GALLAGHER IS NOT FREE FOR CONSULTATIONS DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 THROUGH 19 BECAUSE OF HIS PRESENCE AT THE LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE. GALLAGHER WOULD NOT BE FREE PRIOR TO MARCH 15.

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2. IF THE MARCH DATES ARE NOT CONVENIENT, MEYNELL SAYS THE COMMISSION

WOULD BE WILLING TO HOLD THE BILATERALS IN MAY OR JUNE. APRIL, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

3. THE EC DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF GALLAGHER, MEYNELL AND BESELER. MEYNELL REITERATED THE STATEMENT IN REFTEL C THAT THE COMMISSION'S DECISION ON REPRESENTATION FROM GENEVA (I.E., LUYTEN) WOULD DEPEND UPON WHETHER THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM GENEVA.

4. MEYNELL CLARIFIED ONE POINT IN REFTEL C, SAYING THAT THOUGH PERSONALLY HE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS RELATED ANTI-DUMPING QUESTIONS, GALLAGHER HAD BEEN QUITE CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT INSISTING ON SUCH A DISCUSSION IF THE UNITED STATES PREFERRED NOT TO HAVE THE ISSUE RAISED.

5. STANDARDS: MAYNELL CONFIRMED THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL A THAT GALLAGHER WAS PLANNING ONE DAY FOR CONSULTATIONS ON STANDARDS DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 29. GALLAGHER PREFERS THAT THE MEETING NOT TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 29, HOWEVER, BUT ANY OTHER DAY IN THE WEEK. GALLAGHER IS MOST INTERESTED IN HOLDING THE DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS AND NOT HAVING TO TRAVEL TO THEM.

6. TEXTILES: MEYNELL HAS BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH MIKE SMITH IN REGARD TO ARRANGING A DATE FOR MEETINGS ON TEXTILES. MORRIS

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